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Mehra, Inder P.

Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).  
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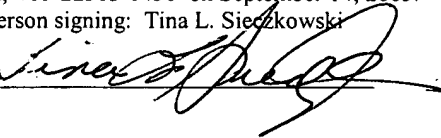


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Dear Sir,

In support of applicant's request for Pre-Appeal Review, the applicant refers to papers already of record in the application. Specifically, attention is directed to the response having a date of mailing of March 22, 2005. In that response, applicants point out at pages 15-18 that the examiner has failed to grasp the teachings of United States Patent 5,457,680 to Kamm et al, and is factually incorrect with respect to what is disclosed by the reference.

Kamm et al fails to disclose the limitations of claim 1 "wherein a first of the gateways accesses the core network via an isolated connection to a second of the gateways when an isolated connection to the first gateway is unable to support access to the core network", as explained in the previously filed response. Thus, in view of this missing limitation, the examiner's claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103, cannot be maintained.

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Respectfully submitted,

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